

6/10/2025 City Council Meeting

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2025-065 Appointment of Delaney Kingsland to the position of member of the Amesbury Conservation Commission for a term to expire February 29, 2028 **Approved**

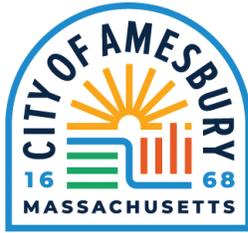
2025-066 Reappointment of James Humphries as Constable for the City of Amesbury for a term to expire July 1, 2028 **Approved**

2025-067 Reappointment of KP Law to the position of City Attorney for the City of Amesbury for a term to expire June 2, 2026 **Approved**

2025-001 An Order to adopt operating budget for FY26 – Mayor Sponsor **Approved**

2025-047 An Order to appropriate Free Cash for the purpose of funding FY26 Capital Expenditures- Mayor Sponsor: Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$1,813,975 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following capital expenditures in fiscal year 2026. **Approved**

2025-054 An Ordinance to amend Wetlands and Floodplain protection regulations per NFIP regulations-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the final flood hazard determination for all jurisdictions in Essex County, Massachusetts. Further, a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed and they will become effective on July 8, 2025. FEMA has indicated that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted, including adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply, and other modifications made by this map revision. **Referred to Planning Board- positive recommendation issued, Conservation Commission- positive recommendation issued, Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – positive recommendation issued, Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th, Public Hearing on June 24th**



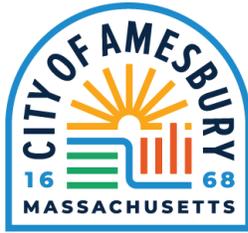
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2025-068 An Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal of the inter-municipal agreement for an additional one-year period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with the Town of Salisbury for the provision of regional animal control services.- Mayor Sponsor Summary: The City of Amesbury (per order# 2018-007) entered into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Salisbury in 2018 to provide public health and animal control services until 2021. By mutual agreement in 2021, Amesbury and Salisbury now provide their own health services; however, they continue to jointly provide animal control services for the two municipalities. This agreement was continued per order# 2021-106 and per order# 2024-082. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2025, and we are proposing a one-year extension that will expire on June 30, 2026. **Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th, Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th, 2ND Reading on June 24th**

2025-069 An Order to appropriate \$449,940.23 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 Snow & Ice expenditures in excess of appropriation.-Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$449,940.23 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 Snow & Ice expenditures in excess of appropriation (\$250,000). **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th, 2ND Reading on June 24th**

2025-070 An Order to authorize inter-departmental transfers of general fund appropriations in accordance with MGL c.44 Section 33B.-Mayor Sponsor Summary: The City Council may, by majority vote, on recommendation of the Mayor, transfer within the last 2 months of any fiscal year, or during the first 15 days of the new fiscal year, to apply to the previous fiscal year, any amount appropriated, other than for the use of a municipal light department or a school department, to any other appropriation. Please see transfer summary below for additional information. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th (as presented- not revised), 2ND Reading on June 24th**

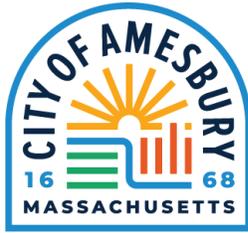
2025-071 An Order to appropriate \$122,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 operating expenditures listed below. Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$122,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the following operating expenditures in fiscal year 2025. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th, 2ND Reading on June 24th**



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2025-072 An Order that \$211,935.00 is appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) to purchase the land and building located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the property for water supply protection, passive use recreational area, and conservation purposes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to acquire the land referenced above for use as water supply protection and passive recreational park purposes, and appropriate funds to pay costs of the purchase, which appropriation would be met with a transfer from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193). Pursuant to G.L. c. 44, the order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council. **referred to Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th, Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th, Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails, 2ND Reading for July 22nd**

2025-073 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$122,661.00 from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) program to offset the City's costs to acquire the property at 128 Kimball Road in Amesbury for the purposes of drinking water resource protection and flood control management. Summary: The Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant Program provides financial assistance to public water systems and municipal water departments for the purchase of land or interests in land for protection of existing DEP-approved public drinking water supplies. The DWSP is a reimbursement-based program with a maximum of 60% compensation to municipalities for their acquisition. The award to Amesbury is for the requested amount of 60% reimbursement of the anticipated costs of the 128 Kimball Road property acquisition as well as for recording fees and DWSP requirements of title certification and survey. This parcel of real property located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, Massachusetts, being Assessor's Tax Map 33-7, containing 8.31 acres, more or less, abuts the Powwow River - Amesbury's primary surface water source. The property is also within 1,800' of a City wellhead and entirely within the City's Zone II wellhead protection area. The parcel is easily accessible from the road and will create access to the river for canoers and kayakers. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th, 2ND Reading on July 22nd**



Measures Still on the Docket

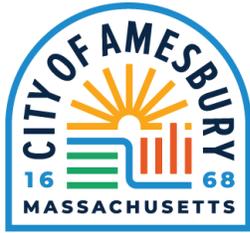
2025-045 An Ordinance to establish No Parking on Lafayette Street median strip – request by resident – Councilor Gilday Sponsor: Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place No Parking signage along the median strip of Lafayette Street. **Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th and Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**

2025-046 - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – Councilor Gilday Sponsor: Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive by the Amesbury DPW. **Referred to Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: The intent of this Order is to approve the acceptance by the City Council to the permanent drainage easement from Deborah S. Drew, Katherine D. Drew, and Kerry Drew-Baxter, record owners of the property located at 12 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a drainage system to alleviate flooding on the said property, and further to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance for the easement. **Referred to Planning Board, Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th and Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**

025-060 An Order to request the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements for new copiers. Summary: The City seeks to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements replacing old 5-year copiers with next generation new equipment at State Bid List pricing. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th at 6:30pm, Second Reading not specified.**

2025-063 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. Further ordered, that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance, to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of the Act. These funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council. – Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation

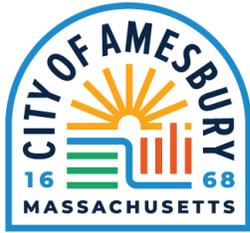


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Act, to transfer 10% (the maximum allowed for first-year CPA revenues) of the estimated total FY2025 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. Transfer of funds into the Community Preservation Committee Administrative Account is not allowed, and there is not a State match, in the first year of CPA revenues. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2025 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance. This order follows the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, who at their May 21st public meeting with seven members present and two absent, voted unanimously in favor on the following motion “The Community Preservation Committee recommends to City Council, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, further order that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of the Act, and these funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council.”

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2025-064 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: \$56,488 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$56,488 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$56,488 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. These funds are reserved for future appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and shall remain in their respective reserve accounts until expended for eligible purposes by further vote of the City Council. Further ordered, that the sum of \$28,244 be appropriated from the FY2026 CPA estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative account, to be expended under the direction of the CPC for administrative and operational expenses related to implementation of the Act. – Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to transfer 10% of the estimated total FY2026 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and to transfer 5% (the maximum allowed) into Community Preservation Committee Administrative account. The amount of \$564,880 includes an estimated State match amount of \$69,029. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2026 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance. This order follows the recommendation of



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